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AMENDMENT B

Dear Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, on the above referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 15 and 16, amend claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 and 11, and add new claim 17 as follows:

[Please cancel claim 1 and substitute therefor:]

1. (Amended) A ballast circuit powered by an AC-to-DC converter in operative connection with an input power source, the AC-to-DC converter being configured to produce a DC voltage, the ballast circuit comprising:

a DC bus in operative connection with the AC-to-DC converter, configured to receive the DC voltage;